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I would like to offer my sincere thanks and appreciation for your kind invitation to us to participate, in an Observer capacity, in the seventh Session of the APA which is held in this historical and beautiful city – Lahore. This participation shall enhance the bonds of already existing friendship and cooperation between our two organizations. Also I would like to express our firm wish to achieve our common objectives aimed at promoting democracy and good governance, and which contribute to achieving and consolidating the efforts of international peace and security as well as realizing the hopes of our peoples and nations of the entire world in development and prosperity.

Mr. Speaker,

Ladies and Gentlemen

The slogan of your meeting i.e. "Quest for Asian Parliament in Asian Century", reflects a strategic vision of a parliamentary endeavor which is capable of gearing up its parliamentary activities and actions for the sake of positive and constructive interaction with the challenges and horizons of the "Asian Century".
Your attachment to your continent remains a conscious strategic option which is elucidated by your genius initiative to take well-studied steps through which you are able to realize your sublime objectives.

The world around us is passing through crucial periods in its modern history which makes it necessary for our parliaments to assume their full role as representatives of the hopes and aspirations of their respective peoples for a world pervaded by security, peace and prosperity. Parliamentary diplomacy, therefore, has a substantial role which should not be ignored but made use of due to the extent of its ramifications. This role is complementary to governmental roles in the comprehension of any issue or question with implications that may imperil peace and security.

World problems are interconnected, and in order to avoid the problems of our current age in which extremism and intolerance constitute a major element, we must take precautionary and preventive steps to steer clear from the devastating consequences caused by immoderation.

Perhaps we concur that extremism which leads to sedition and conflict has no linkage with any religion or belief or race. In our view the strategies for improving socio-economic conditions as well as eliminating poverty and exclusion constitute an important framework for drying out the sources of extremism, violence and terrorism.

While hailing your generous and thoughtful initiative, we wish your proceedings to be crowned with success.

May peace be with you.